

The Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC
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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Four Pillars of Our Mission:

Welcome, Worship, Learn, Serve

**Homecoming Sunday
September 11, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

(Services are being recorded)

The CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HOLLIS, U.C.C.

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**All Members of the Church, Ministers
The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor
Julie Oliver, Minister of Christian Music**

PRELUDE

Julie Oliver

GOD'S SPIRIT, LIGHT AND WORD PRECEDE OUR WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Tanya

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you. I greet you in the name of Christ Jesus, who draws us together as one Body, inclusive of all our varied stories and journeys. It doesn't matter where you've come from or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

INVOCATION

Deacon

Merciful Lord, in Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to save us. Make us glad in our salvation, so that we may share this good news with friends and neighbors and with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

Welcome

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Deacon

The grace of our Lord overflows for us through the faith and love that are ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, saying, create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, forgive your foolish people. We are skilled in doing evil, but we do not know how to do good.

Create in us a clean heart, O God; **put a new and right spirit within us.**

In the folly of our hearts we live as though there is no God.

Create in us a clean heart, O God; **put a new and right spirit within us.**

We forget all you have done for us, and make false idols to be our gods.

Create in us a clean heart, O God; **put a new and right spirit within us.**

We act faithlessly, violently, and scorn your name.

Create in us a clean heart, O God; **put a new and right spirit within us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Tanya

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
World without end! Amen, amen.*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN INVITED TO COME FORWARD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit show us the truth that you desire and teach us wisdom in our hearts. Let us hear with joy and gladness the Word that you speak today; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

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DANCE

Reckless Love of God

C. Asbury, © Bethel Music

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CHILDREN DEPART As the children and their teachers depart to continue their worship and learning elsewhere we offer them our blessing:

The Congregation: God’s love be with you.

Teachers & Children: And also with you.

SERMON

Who’s Missing?

Rev. Tanya

CHORAL ANTHEM

Let All the World Rejoice

Joseph M. Martin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY – SHARING GOD’S GIFTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR WORLD

To initiate Online Giving: Go to <https://hollischurch.org/donations/>

Please take a moment to **sign our Friendship Register** and pass it to your neighbor.

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vs. 1-3, 6)

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OUR COMMON COMMISSION

Let us now go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Tanya

POSTLUDE

A thank you to Jessica Marchant, dance choreographer and to our dancers: Hannah Burton, Kim Burton, Diane Fallier, Jessica Marchant, Andrea Seddon & Sarah Seddon.

Deacons this morning are Keith Hamer and Roger Norian.

Please join us for brunch and fellowship on the Squires patio immediately following church services.

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